

QUESTION FOR ANSWER ON THE DAY

(but not taken up).

Village Panchayet Election in Hassan District (Complaint against Revenue Authorities).

Q.—655. Sri K. PANCHAKSHARIAH (Arasikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether there has been complaints that the village panchayet elections in Hassan District were not conducted as per rules ;

(b) the number of panchayets that have complained ;

(c) whether complaints have been made that in these elections the Revenue Inspectors and Revenue authorities were partial ?

A.—Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—

(a) Yes.

(b) 12.

(c) Yes.

Business of the House.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—Yesterday, I made a representation that the definite and final programme of legislative work may be given to us and Government may also intimate to us what Bills are going to get priority. as the Leader of the House is here, it may be given.

Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA (Chief Minister and Leader of the House).—The agenda is already supplied to the Hon'ble Members. I think that is definite. In the printed agenda all that has been shown. I think the Legislature Secretariat has supplied it. That is definite.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Yesterday I said that the most important Bills that we have to deal with are the Local Boards Bill, the Finance Bill and the University Bill. We have not yet received copies of those Bills. I would like to know if the Government is going to take up those Bills and when

the year going to take them up, whether they will be taken up after the disposal of the financial Bills already circulated. Secondly, the present programme covers work up to the 19th of April. Will that be final or is the session going to be extended ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That matter cannot be answered off-hand. The Government will take time to decide.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—He may reply tomorrow. I am making the suggestion to the Leader of the House, because he was not here.

NON-OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Mysore Town Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1955.

Motion to introduce.

Sri M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—I move that leave be granted to introduce the Mysore Town Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 1955.

Sri T. CHANNIAH (Minister for Public Health and Local Self-Government).—Sir, the Government are intending to bring before this House a comprehensive amending Bill including the amendment to the Act now proposed by Sri M. Linganna. The Bill could not be introduced earlier and the Government intend introducing it during this session itself, if possible. We have already framed the Bill which has also been scrutinised. Therefore, I oppose the introduction of this private Bill by Sri M. Linganna.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—I would like to know the circumstances under which my friend has sought leave to introduce this amendment Bill and what are the difficulties. . . .

Mr. SPEAKER Not now.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—He can state why it should be introduced and the reasons that prompted him to bring this.

9-30 A.M.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Of course, he is not prevented or precluded from giving his reason but in the Statement of Objects and Reasons attached to the Bill it is given.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Nothing is given there. It is said that it has resulted in certain anomalies in the Local Bodies. I would like him to give us some instances where it has resulted in anomalies.

Mr. SPEAKER.—What does the Hon'ble Member say?

Sri M. LINGANNA.—I want to know whether the Government are introducing a comprehensive amending Bill during the session itself. In case they are going to introduce a Bill wherein my amendment, which is a simple and innocuous one, is also incorporated, I have no objection. I never thought that the Government would oppose this particular amendment.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The Government have not opposed it. The Government intend to bring a comprehensive amending Bill including this subject and hence it will be a waste of time for the House to take up this amendment.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—I have no objection not to press this motion. But my fear is, the Government, having in hand so many pieces of legislation, may not be able to find time at all to take up this amending Bill. If they can give us an assurance that they would introduce a comprehensive Amendment Bill in this regard, I have no objection not to press this motion.

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO (Minister for Law and Education).—As I have already stated, the principle of this amendment has been accepted by the Government; but in accepting this principle, the Government are intending to bring a most comprehensive Bill working out the consequences also. So, in order to save time, this may not be taken up now and the matter may be considered later on.

Sri M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY (Yelandur).—I want to know whether the Government want to bring the same amendment to the section?

Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO.—Not the same amendment. But the principle underlying the amendment has been accepted.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION

re. Message Rate System of Telephones.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Then we will go to the next item, namely, Resolutions. With reference to the first resolution, I would like to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble mover of this special Resolution and the House that since the Government have accepted the principle and also promised to recommend this to the Central Government, we need not spend much time over this resolution. We may spend not more than half an hour.

***Sri Mulka GOVINDA REDDY** (Chitaldrug).—Sir, I beg to move:

“That this House taking note of the difficulties caused to the public in Bangalore City by the introduction of the message rate system of telephones from 16th March 1955 is of the opinion that the Government should strongly urge upon the Government of India to restore the system in vogue prior to 16th March 1955.”

Sir, at the outset, I must thank the Chair for having given me this opportunity to move this important resolution. I realise that it is the sole and exclusive responsibility of the Government of India. But still the people in the State, particularly in places like Bangalore and other places, are experiencing certain difficulties. Sir, prior to 1951, telephone system in Mysore State was operated by the Government of Mysore. Owners of telephones or subscribers were paying a rental of Rs. 10 a month. Afterwards, this telephone system was integrated with the Posts and Telegraphs systems of the Government of India and after some time, the Government of India increased the rentals from Rs. 10 per month to Rs. 24 per month. Again, after some time, there was a great demand for telephones in Bangalore City. The Government of India introduced ‘Own your telephone’ system and many made use of that opportunity to get priority for telephones. Sir, from 16th March, the Government of India through their